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SUBJECT: TRUDEAU VISIT TO BONN

1. PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU WILL REMAIN IN GERMANY FOR AN OFFICIAL VISIT AFTER THE MID-JULY BONN SUMMIT. HE PLANS TO DEVOTE THE DAY AFTER THE SUMMIT TO FORMAL DISCUSSIONS AND REPRESENTATIONAL EVENTS IN BONN, AND THEN GO TO HAMBURG WITH GENSCHER FOR FURTHER INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS AND SOME SAILING.

2. GERMAN AMBASSADOR TOLD DCM THAT VISIT WAS PATCHED TOGETHER AND MADE FINAL ONLY TEN DAYS AGO. GERMAN OFFICIALS ARE FOCUSSING ON THE PRESIDENT'S STATE VISIT AND, IN THE AMBASSADOR'S VIEW, WILL BE GIVING TRUDEAU ONLY LIMITED ATTENTION.

3. WITH RESPECT TO AGENDA, GERMAN AMBASSADOR SAID THAT THE USUAL "BASKET" OF BRIEFING PAPERS WILL BE PREPARED TO COVER PRIMARILY MULTILATERAL ISSUES, I.E., EAST-WEST TENSIONS, NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE, NATO, ETC. AS FOR TRADE ISSUES, WEST GERMANY DISCUSSES THESE WITH CANADA ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY VIA EC AND THEREFORE THEY ARE NOT EXPECTED
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TO ARISE. AMBASSADOR THINKS SUBJECT OF GERMAN INVESTMENTS IN CANADA MAY COME UP, AND GERMANS ARE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN OUTCOME FOR PENDING INVESTMENT IN NEWFOUNDLAND FISHERIES. HOWEVER, THIS PROPOSAL, WHILE ATTRACTIVE TO SOME NEWFOUNDLAND AUTHORITIES, RUNS COUNTER TO OTHER DOMESTIC CANADIAN POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS AND GERMANS THEREFORE ARE NOT OPTIMISTIC.

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4. GERMAN AMBASSADOR ALSO MENTIONED CURRENT GOC EFFORT TO SELECT NEW FIGHTER AIRCRAFT, FOR WHICH PANAVIA TORNADO IS ONE CONTENDER. EUROPEANS ARE NOT OPTIMISTIC THAT TORNADO WILL BE CHOSEN BECAUSE IT IS RELATIVELY EXPENSIVE AND THEY UNDERSTAND THAT CANADIAN INCLINATION IS TO GO FOR SOMETHING CHEAPER (SUCH AS F-16 OR ONE OF VERSIONS OF F-18). PANAVIA CONSORTIUM MEMBERS (GERMANY, ITALY AND UK) ARE ALSO HAVING DIFFICULTY PUTTING TOGETHER INDUS-TRIAL OFFSETS PACKAGE (WHICH WILL HAVE MAJOR INFLUENCE ON FINAL GOC CHOICE), BECAUSE INDUSTRIALISTS IN THREE COUNTRIES ARE RELUCTANT TO REVEAL THEIR COMMERICAL PLANS IN OTHER SECTORS TO ONE ANOTHER. AMBASSADOR ALLEGED THAT GERMAN INDUSTRIALISTS WERE LESS RELUCTANT ON THIS SCORE BUT BRITISH IN PARTICULAR HAVE NOT BEEN FORTHCOMING AND ALSO SEEM TO HAVE HANGUPS ABOUT MAJOR ADDITIONAL IN-VESTMENTS "IN ONE OF THEIR FORMER COLONIES". ENDERS

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